

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
September 10, 2018
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Robb Jensen, Alan Van Raalte, Jim Winkler, Mitch Ives and Kim Simac.

Others present: Steve Nelson, Karly Johnson, Sara Richie, Myles Alexander, Michele Sadauskas, Karl Jennrich, Rosie Page, LuAnn Brunette, Troy Huber, Fred Andrist, Stacey Johnson, Beckie Gaskill, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. noting it was properly posted. The facility is handicapped accessible.

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Approve Agenda: Motion by Van Raalte/Winkler to approve today's agenda with the order of the items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Minutes: Van Raalte/Jensen made a motion to approve the 8/13/18 minutes, with revised revision made prior to the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of Future meetings:

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| October 8, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. | UWEX Conference Room (Eagle Mine Tour 1:00 p.m.) |
| November 12, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. | UWEX Conference Room |

Fair and Buildings and Grounds Storage Facility Discussion:

LuAnn Brunette gave a history of the buildings used for storage at the River Street site. Repairs and improvements were made to the back building. There is money in the budget and bids out to have about 2/3 of the building with tempered climate control and 1/3 cold storage. Tempered space is reserved for other departments and used for furniture storage. One year ago, the Fair Coordinator was notified that the storage site will not be available. The trolley needs a new storage site. Troy Huber spoke with Jim Winkler and Tom Barnett about storage alternatives one month ago. Huber provided pricing for a new structure for around \$20,000, plus labor, at the River Street site. An addition onto the garage at Pioneer Park would be the same cost. Andrist stated that River Street property is the better decision because it is County Property for the trolley and tent. There is temporary storage for the trolley through 2019. The proposal has not gone to Building and Grounds Committee at this point. Andrist will discuss it at the Parks and Recreation meeting with the City and the lease agreement. The Fair Committee will report back to Building and Grounds to fit their plans. It will be put on the agenda for next month where Andrist will report. Lu Ann Brunette, Troy Huber excused at 1:20 p.m.

Thunder Lake District Report:

Jim Winkler reported that the Thunder Lake meeting scheduled for September 8 was postponed. A reschedule date has not been determined. The annual meeting minutes from Thunder Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District took place on June 2. Those minutes are available. The next annual meeting will take place on June 1, 2019.

Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRM)

The Land and Water Conservation Department is required by the State to provide a Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan Update. The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) prepared the original LWRM Plan and the last update in 2011. Fred Heider, with NCWRPC, has been in communication about helping Sadauskas with the proposal for the LWRM Plan for 2020-2029. In the past, the LWRMs had five-year plans, but they will be going through a ten-year cycle with a five year review. They will have plan Goals and Objectives. The department's first goal is AIS and second is protecting shoreline areas. A draft plan will go to this Committee tentatively in April, to a public hearing in May, and then to the County Board in July. They will then have to present to the State in August, 2019. Committee approval is needed.

A motion was made by Jensen/Winkler to approve that LWCD work with the NCWRPC to work with the update of the LWRM Plan for the years 2020 through 2029. All ayes; motion carried.

A proposed Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) list was compiled and it will require members of this Committee to review the list of proposed RAC advisors. Two members of this Committee will need to be assigned to be a part of RAC.

Jensen/Winkler made motion to approve the proposed RAC list for the 2020-2029 LWRM Plan and if these individuals cannot be part of the RAC, Sadauskas is authorized to replace people on the list at her discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Two Committee members must be part of the RAC committee. There will be three meetings: October, November and January. Winkler/Ives made motion to have Mott and Jensen be members of the RAC committee. All ayes; motion carried.

Lumberjack Grant Application Approval:

LWCD Representing 5-County Pollinator Region. Land and Water will be presenting this grant. It is a six partner project. There are five counties and the US Forest Service. They would like to submit a proposed grant to Lumberjack RC&D. The project name is Promoting Native Pollinator Conservation across North Central Wisconsin. They are trying to provide structure and bring resources together as a region. It will be a \$10,000 grant. Each of the involved counties have provided a cash match. A cash donation received this summer which is included in the \$750 that will be applied to Oneida County's cash match. They hope to hire a project coordinator and have Baerbel Ehrig as the assigned person. They hope to develop a strategic plan and come up with some power point presentations and a website to share materials with the public. They plan to engage in citizen and student workshops. The proposed hours will be at 550 for the coordinator. This grant is for capacity building more than habitat building. Van Raalte/Jensen made a motion to support the grant request to Lumberjack RC&D for Promoting Native Pollinator Conservation across North Central Wisconsin project. All ayes; motion carried.

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WHIP

Rosie Page distributed the Organizational Funding for Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership (WHIP) and she supports the capacity building concept for maintenance funding. This proposed grant to go to Lumberjack RC&D as their fiscal agent. Page summarized the handout points. WHIP is a multi-partner invasive species cooperative serving Oneida and Vilas Counties. They are requesting the grant funding to support the WHIP Coordinator position, who is the only staff member, to offer outreach presentations, roadside invasive plant monitoring, organization development, and cooperating with Partners on invasive species management projects. Funding will help, monitor landscapes to detect invasive plants and provide education to slow the spread of invasive species. Mott suggested that she come and speak at the Forestry Department's future meeting. They do work with the highway department and give employees identification literature to help them on the job. Mott encourages Page to share the ideas that have worked well in Vilas County and the highway departments. A motion was made by Winkler/Jensen support the grant request to Lumberjack RC&D for funding of Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership. All ayes; motion carried.

LWCD Update:

Sadauskas attended a Wisconsin Bird Initiative where she attended a Flying Bug Eater Workshop in Waukesha, WI. This particular conference was on Aerial insectivores. There has been a decline in bird populations such as Purple Martins, Cliff and barn Swallows, and nighthawks. She was able to make some good connections with people that have the same concerns of the Land and Water Conservation Department. There are a mix of factors that are affecting the decline, such as pesticides, climate change, pathogens, and land use. It is a matter of monitoring and actions being taken that make a difference.

Cost Share Update:

The 2019 funding was announced last time and it was asked if they wished to keep the same cap of \$8,000 on the total of \$46,475. The current cap is \$8,000 and they had \$40,000 for 2018. Sadauskas feels it is at the right spot. It is difficult to reduce it. Current projects would total approximately 6 to 8 projects. A motion was made to keep the cap at \$8,000 for the Cost Share by Van Raalte/Ives. All ayes; motion carried.

Mining Update – Karl Jennrich:

The planning committee will discuss formation of MOLIC (Mining Oversight Local Impact Committee) and then forward to Administration, and the Oneida County Board of Supervisors. No challenges have been received to the ordinance. The educational outreach by UW Extension has been noted. Some "no mining signs" signs have been observed. Non-biased education announcements for the community will be provided before the referendum through UW-Extension. The goal is to provide the public with knowledge to connect University with local citizens. Mott said Dean Karl Martin said it is common to have these educational meetings. The Forestry Department, as well as this Committee, will tour the Eagle mine on October 8 and all the County Board Supervisors are invited. There may be concern over any quorum issues by having these groups to travel together. The purpose of the tour is to become familiar with the economic impact, environmental and social issues so people can look at factual information.

Timber Bridge Update:

Sadauskas gave an update on the status on the timber bridge. Sadauskas received a call from John Bilogan and they will take the timber bridge to use on county forest lands. They do not plan to lend it out to public and it will be stored by the Highway Department. Sadauskas will check with Tracy Beckman at Lumberjack to see if there was any stipulation that the bridge must be available to the public, and follow up with the Committee. Winkler/Ives made motion to give the bridge to the Forestry Department to use at their discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion on Mosquito Squad and Effect on Pollinators:

Sadauskas looked into Mosquito Squad along with Vilas and Langlade Counties, and they found out that they are regulated by DATCP and licensed. They were not successful in identifying what chemical is being used to spray. Simac stated she had used it this season and the instructions recommend that livestock or people go indoors while it is being sprayed. It supposedly operates as an insect contraception and is used much like mosquito repellent. The item will continue on the agenda next month. Sadauskas was asked by the Committee to check again with DATCP for more details.

Consent Agenda for Land and Water:

- a. Approve out-of-county travel requests
- b. Approve monthly budget report(s)
- c. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.
- d. Line item transfers: AIS Banquet

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Jensen/Winkler made a motion for Mott to attend a conference put on by Impact of Water Quality on Sept 13 at 4:00 at Trout Lake, where Mott's attendance will be covered for mileage and per diem.

A motion was made by Jensen/AVR to accept items a, as amended, b, c, and d as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Excused: Jennrich and Page at 1:45 p.m.

County Fair Report– Jim Winkler:

Winkler reviewed the September meeting where Fair highlights were discussed and what improvements are needed. They will review the carnival contract and other issues for the Fair next year. Andrist will be working on what they need to do better. Josh Skubal and Kelsey Mueller will be new members added to the Fair Committee. Linda Walker resigned from the Fair Board as the marketing director. There is an election for the Fair Board in November. Barnett's contract renewal will come up in December. With their first Fair under their belt, the Fair Committee wants to concentrate on the big picture for the future of the Fair. The balance is running at \$5,900 and there are still outstanding expenses. The Fair Budget was distributed. It was not posted on the agenda before the deadline, so it cannot be discussed. Winkler reviewed information but no discussion will be permitted. They will have to meet again to discuss and vote on it. Jensen suggested to meet prior to the County Board meeting on September 18 at 9:00 a.m. Andrist prepared the budget and they are asking for \$25,000 for next year's budget. They will be able to justify this increase due to the vendors participating, people attending, and more activities offered. The running balance was discussed where the beginning balance and if any appropriated funds were used.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

- a. Monthly Budget Report
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders/vendor contracts
- c. New Fair Committee members

A motion was made by Van Raalte/Jensen to accept line items a, b. and c, as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

- a. Approve monthly budget reports
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.

Winkler/AVR moved to accept the monthly budget report and monthly expenses as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Introduction of new Price 4-H Program Coordinator:

Andrea Rippley is the new 4-H Coordinator. She graduated from UW-Platteville with a degree in Agriculture. Her focus will be growing 4-H's membership base, including retention and growth of teen membership, assisting clubs and recruiting and coordinating volunteers for both counties. She plans to offer the same programs to both counties initially, until their needs can be further assessed. Activities will be posted on the Extension County websites for the public and she will post everything on her Outlook calendar internally. The biggest challenge so far is the drive. She will be housed in Oneida County where much

of her paperwork will be processed. She will schedule days for Price County. Travel-wise, about 35% will be physically at Price County. Rippley plans to maintain and develop 4-H programs and be involved in arts and crafts, STEAM (science, technology engineering, and math), and animal sciences. FabLab is popular in this county, and it was suggested that she look into that as well. Rippley will be meeting with Feldman for additional program information.

Teen Court Coordinator Update:

Lynn Feldman will be an LTE with the county starting on Sept 15. She will train teen court panelists and have them up to speed. Feldman will not be involved in the case management the remainder of this year. There are cases coming up that will need to be addressed before January. The Committee wants to know who might address these existing cases. Nelson spoke with Mary Rideout in Social Services to see if their department could address them, but it is not in their 2019 budget. The case management portion of the Teen Court must be addressed. The pending Positive Youth Educator may be able to train the teen court panelists in 2019. Case management paperwork is preferred to be more of a Social Services function for 2019. Winkler will discuss the case management portion with Rideout in Social Services. It is not covered in the 2019 UW-Extension budget. There is \$8,000 to \$9,000 available due to LRES not approving the full-time Program Assistant.

Positive Youth Development Educator Position:

The State has approved a full-time position split between Oneida and Langlade Counties where the Committee will need to accept this position for Oneida County at 50%. The initial programming focus in both counties will have a common line, except it will be more youth oriented for Oneida County and more adult oriented focus for Langlade County. The total percentages for both Positive Youth Development and the 4-H Coordinator still add up to the previous full-time position. Jensen/Van Raalte made a motion to approve the 50% Positive Youth Development position. All ayes; motion carried.

Program Assistant Update:

The LRES Committee reviewed and denied the request for the position to go from part-time to full-time at their last meeting. A proposed work/needs study could be performed and when completed, the CUW Committee can revisit a full-time position request. The position description has been updated to cover the current duties of the Program Assistant. The Committee would like to know what this time study entails. A motion was made by Jensen/Winkler for Steve Nelson to contact Lisa Charbarneau in LRES to conduct a work/needs study for the program assistant position and then provide an electronic draft of the results to Nelson and the CUW Committee before October 1. All ayes; motion carried.

Gaskill excused at 4:02 p.m.

Joint OCEDC/UW Report on Mining Referendum Informational Meetings:

Alexander and Johnson reported on mining education initiative. They changed the language to "Education for Oneida County about Mining". The issue mapping day was held on August 29 and 14 people attended, including two county supervisors, a geologist, the director of Extension Lakes program, an attorney with municipality and local mining organization background, an expert on the mining permit process from the DNR, a Wisconsin Geological Survey representative, and Dennis Lawrence from NCWRPC, along with other local experts. A list of priorities to address was compiled:

- Actively listen [to the people for] priority topics
- Explain zoning in terms of mining in the county
- Environmental impacts
- Economic and social impact benefits
- What the people and the county can't do
- What the people and the county (and other government) can do
- Define the language (legal) and roles of government and non-government entities
- Transparency: stick to the facts, be neutral
- Monitor risks to OCEDC and UW Extension, to Stacey and Myles

They recruited people to form an advisory group. The goal will be to determine what is fact and science based. There will be a phone conference to map out a production model. Three focus groups will determine where people are getting their information. They will provide updates to the libraries and to the County Board of Supervisors, and there will be a website up by the end of this week. An economic impact study will be provided by Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy (CROWE). An engineering firm will provide visuals so that people will be able to see and understand what the facts are about the subject. Information will be coming from multiple experts in the field to stay unbiased. The public deliberative forums will open with a question and answer period and then go into small groups to discuss mining. They may look into a site tour to Marquette to visit with residents and tour the Eagle mine near there. The next public deliberative forums will be scheduled for October.

Educator Reports:

Richie will facilitate a Strengthening Families program with the Health Department, which will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua starting Monday, September 24 through November 5th. Alexander facilitated an issue mapping meeting with Johnson, as explained above. Due to time restraints, Karly Harrison could not report.

Conference Room Discussion with Airport Manager: Postponed until next meeting.

Office Air Environment: Four reports logged for sewer odors.

Excused: Johnson, Rippley, Richie, and Sadauskas at 4:25 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda:

Timber bridge, Mining update, Cost Share, LWCD update, Bear, Mid Lake and Squash Lake District reports, 2018 Teen court update, Community Youth Dev. Educator, Program Assistant update, Educator Update (replaces Agent Report on Agenda), Office Air, Conference Room plans-Airport Manager, Fair and Building & Grounds- storage facility discussion.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Van Raalte/Winkler to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair

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